

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 19 as follows:

A Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. 10-187128 discloses a technique of video signal classifying technique of determining the type of picture of the input signals that include auxiliary audio signals such as voice signals, ~~music~~ signals and/or ~~acoustic~~ music signals on the basis of the sound information accompanying the video information. Thus, with this technique, it is possible to classify audio signals such as voice signals, ~~music~~ signals and ~~acoustic~~ music signals. According to the disclosed technique, firstly signals showing a predetermined spectrum structure are classified as music signals and removed from the input signals. Then signals showing another spectrum structure are classified as voice signals and removed from the remaining signals. ~~Subsequently, signals showing still another spectrum structure are classified as acoustic signals and removed from the remaining signals.~~

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 10 as follows:

A2 However, since the technique disclosed in the above patent document regards only spans where the line spectrum structure constantly continues as music signals, it cannot reliably be applied to music signals that contains signals for sounds of percussion instruments and those of a song. Additionally, ~~since voice spans are determined on the basis of the residue left as a result of removing stable line spectrum components (music components) from the original spectrum of the input signals, voice signals and acoustic signals cannot be accurately and reliably discriminated from each other.~~